GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:564
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2000
REPEAL OF HAJ ACT
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has recently declared the present Haj Act redundant;

(b) if so, whether in the light of Supreme Court ruling the Government propose to repeal the present act;

(c) if so. the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) No. Sir

(b), (c) & (d) The Supreme Court in its order dated 5th May, 2000 on Writ Petition (Civil) No.584 of 1998 filed by Anjuman K. Hujjaj, suggested certain changes in the Haj Committee Act, 1959 relating to composition of Haj Committee, Mumbai. The Order has been complied with. The Government has prepared draft Haj Committee Bill - 2000 to replace the existing Haj Cornmittee Act. Cabinet`s approval has been obtained for the same. Law Ministry has recentlY suggested some more changes in the text of the draft Bill. These are being